

# VENDOR BLENDER NEWSLETTER

April 2017

## NEW STREET USE COUNTER HOURS

The Street Use Permit Services Counter hours have changed. The Street Use Permit Counter is open:

- **Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8 AM to 5 PM**
- **Tuesday and Thursday: 10:30 AM to 5 PM**

IMPORTANT: Street Use cannot accept payments after 4:30 PM. Applicants arriving after 4:30 PM may not receive a permit that day.

## 2017 FEE ADJUSTMENTS

Labor costs are rising, and like any service organization, labor is the largest part of our operating costs. To ensure we can continue to serve you well, we implemented an annual fee analysis in 2016. With City Council approval, we increased our hourly rates, which went into effect January 1, 2017.

## 2017 Review Deposit Rates:

- Renewal Sites: \$209 Review Deposit
- New Sites: \$418 Review Deposit
- All other vending fees remain unchanged

## CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS TO VENDING BUSINESSES

In December, short-term construction disrupted six food truck sites (14 different businesses). During our outreach to the impacted vendors, all confirmed it was critical to the success of their businesses and their employees to continue to vend during construction. We worked with the vendors and contractors to provide short-term temporary vending locations.

We are working to improve construction coordination between the City and impacted small businesses by providing earlier notification, and brainstorming relocation options.

When construction is short-term, vendors can often return after construction is over. However, there are times when vending sites must be discontinued for long-term construction projects. We will provide a 30 day notice of permit revocation if this is necessary.

## RECYCLE, COMPOST, AND GARBAGE

Seattle Public Utilities will be ensuring that each vendor has a compost, recycling, and garbage bin. These bins are required, and you will be subject to violations if inspected without them. To help this effort, SPU is providing free bins on a first-come, first-serve basis. You can contact [greenbusiness@seattle.gov](mailto:greenbusiness@seattle.gov) for more details.



*Xplosive looks great with the required waste receptacles out for their customers!*

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Food trucks served over 100,000 meals to New Yorkers after Hurricane Sandy, with 11,000 of those meals served in just ONE day<sup>1</sup>
- In Atlanta, a nonprofit homeless shelter serves 18,000 meals a month out of their food truck<sup>2</sup>
- The Greater Cleveland Food Bank's truck delivers healthy food and outreach services in the inner city "food desert" to those in need<sup>2</sup>

## DENNY NETWORK UPDATE

The Seattle City Light Denny Network project is in full swing in South Lake Union. This project is necessary to provide electrical service to the growing Seattle area. You may have seen the contractor, Shimmick Construction, installing vaults at the 401 Harrison on Terry Ave N site in December and January. The impacts will primarily be to vending sites on Harrison, Thomas, and Republican Streets.

Vault and duct bank installation will take about four to six months on each block impacted, and paving restoration will take about four weeks at the end of the project. Since vendors will be able to return to their sites post-construction, we are working on developing temporary relocation options and requesting specific timelines from the contractor. Vendors may also choose to extend their permit if they decide not to vend during construction at their site.

We are committed to supporting these impacted businesses and their employees during the disruptions. However, we cannot guarantee that all vendors will be able to be relocated, or that the proposed relocation sites will be as good for business as their existing, permitted locations. We will be in contact with the impacted vendors as soon as possible. More project information can be found here: [www.seattle.gov/light/dennysub/constr-network.asp](http://www.seattle.gov/light/dennysub/constr-network.asp)

## CHECK OUT SEATTLE'S NEWEST PUBLIC SPACE

SDOT is expanding Seattle's public space network in a new and innovative way! The Pavement to Parks projects use low-cost, adaptable treatments to repurpose underutilized portions of the roadway to make our communities safer and more vibrant. These projects accommodate people walking through the spaces, allowing people to test new ways to use their streets and creating great spaces for food vendors.

The newest Pavement to Parks project was installed last September on Taylor Ave and Vine St in Belltown. The project created a pedestrian plaza in the northbound lane of Taylor Ave, which features tables and chairs, planters, and a vibrant street mural. The centrally-located site would be ideal for a vending cart, and a food truck could be accommodated in the parking lane across the street. If you're interested in vending near this site, submit a vending permit application or contact [gretha.hartstrom@seattle.gov](mailto:gretha.hartstrom@seattle.gov).



*Seattle's Newest Public Space on Taylor Ave and Vine St*

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## QUESTIONS/CONTACT INFORMATION

Counter Coaching Available on the 23rd Floor of the Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 5th Ave: M, W, Fr 8 AM to 4:30 PM, and T, Th 10:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Please arrive by 3:30 PM to make sure you have time to have your questions answered.  
Email: [annualpermits@seattle.gov](mailto:annualpermits@seattle.gov)